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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: FIVE-POWER APPROACH ON NAMIBIA

1. FRENCH PERM REP LEPRETTE AND FRG PERM REP BON WECHMAR
TOLD MISOFF MARCH 21 THAT TEXT OF NAMIBIA DRAFT IS ACCEPTABLE
TO THEM. VON WECHMAR ADDED THAT HE WAS DOUBTFUL BONN WOULD
AUTHORIZE FRG MISSION TO TAKE LEADERSHIP ROLE ON CONTACT GROUP.
FRG IS WILLING, HOWEVER, TO HAVE CHAIRMANSHIP ROTATE. VON
WECHMAR ADDED THAT SWEDEN ALSO IS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE, BUT
NOT TO ACT AS CHAIRMAN.

2. CANADIAN PERM REP BARTON AGREES TO TEXT ON PRINCIPLE, BUT,
FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, IS ANXIOUS TO LEARN WHERE AND BY WHOM
DEMARCH WILL BE MADE. CANADIANS SUGGEST FOLLOWING EDITORIAL
CHANGES TO TEXT:

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2. MOVE PARA H TO POSITION BETWEEN PARAS D AND E;
B. MOVE SECOND PART OF PARA B TO JOIN PARA F.

3. CANADIANS RECOMMEND THAT SAG BE PRESSED FOR AN EARLY
REPLY, WITH WEST EMPHASIZING TO THEM THAT REQUIREMENT
GIVEN RAPID PACE AND DEVELOPMENT OF SITUATION AND INCREASING
VIOLENCE.

4. DURING MEETING WITH STAFF LEVEL OFFICERS OF WESTERN SC MEMBERS, MARCH 21, FRENCH, CANADIANS, FRG AND UK STATED THEIR GOVERNMENTS' AGREEMENT TO TEXT. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE COMMENTS, CANADIANS ASKED FOR AND OTHERS AGREED TO INCLUDE FOLLOWING PARA F: "THE GOVERNMENTS REQUEST AN EARLY RESPONSE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT".

5. VARIETY OF MEANS FOR EFFECTNG DEMARCHE WERE DISCUSSED. FRG AND UK LEANED TOWARD SENDING ONE PERM REP FROM WEST IN NAME OF ALL, TO CAPETOWN. CANADA AND UK ALSO LIKED ALTERNATIVE OF SENDING REPS FROM WESTERN CAPITALS ALTHOUGH, ON BALANCE, FRENCH AND FRG PREFERRED SENDING REPS FROM NEW YORK. POSSIBILITY ALSO WAS SUGGESTED OF ALL FIVE PERM REPS TRAVELING TO CAPETOWN, WITH PARALLEL DEMARCHES TO BE MADE IN WESTERN CAPITALS, WITH FOREIGN MINISTRIES CALLING IN SOUTH AFRICAN REPS TO SPEAK WITH HOST GOVERNMENT AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. IT WAS AGREED THAT MISSIONS WOULD REQUEST THINKING OF CAPITALS. OUR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL.

6. IT WAS AGREED THAT MISSIONS WOULD REQUEST CAPITALS' VIEW CONCERNING TIMING OF DEMARCHE, WHICH ALL AGREED WOULD PREFERABLY BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

7. IT ALSO WAS AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO CONSULT WITH THE SYG JUST PRIOR TO MAKING DEMARCHE.

8. MISSION STAFF MEMBERS TO MEET AGAIN MARCH 22.

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